

NEW JERSEY
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PRESENTS

**Alvin
Ailey**
**American
Dance Theater**

Judith Jamison, Artistic Director

Masazumi Chaya, Associate Artistic Director

Student Matinee Performance

Friday, May 10, 1996, 10:00 a.m.

Newark Symphony Hall

Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater

Journeys of Discovery

Spend but a single evening with Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, and you'll discover that this company isn't about just one technique. One voice. One sound. One mood. Or one way of looking at the world.

From the beginning, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater has found vitality in a host of experiences and influences. It continues to explore the human spirit and lead all who follow on a journey down not one road, but many.

Alvin Ailey's "Revelations" marks its 35th anniversary this year. An acknowledged masterpiece, "Revelations" has brought audiences worldwide to their feet in joyous celebration of the human spirit. In every sense, the work reflects the emotional and spiritual power of the journey.

In 1969, Alvin Ailey founded the Alvin Ailey American Dance Center in Brooklyn, NY with an initial enrollment of 125 students. Guided by the belief that dance instruction should be made available to everyone, he joined forces with Pearl Lang in 1970 to establish the American Dance Center in Manhattan. Today under the direction of a former Pearl Lang dancer, Denise Jefferson, a prestigious faculty trains approximately 3,500 students annually at the school's spacious studios on Alvin Ailey Place (61st Street) near Lincoln Center. Students ages three and older are drawn from every part of the world, contributing to the multi-cultural richness of the Ailey Dance Center. The school has a diverse curriculum which includes Horton, Dunham and Graham-based modern dance techniques and ballet as well as West African, Spanish, East Indian Dance and tap, yoga, jazz, partnering and repertory workshops.

The school offers classes from beginning through professional levels. The classes are open to the general public. The Alvin Ailey American Dance Center is the official school of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater and the resident home of the Alvin Ailey Repertory Ensemble.

Alvin Ailey was one of the most famous modern dance choreographers to have ever lived. He won numerous awards and influenced hundreds of people. Though he died on December 1, 1989, he lives on through his dances, his Company and his school, all of which are thriving today under the artistic direction of his former star dancer, Judith Jamison. Alvin made people truly see that dance is the universal language. As he said, "Dance came from the people and it should return to the people." Because of Alvin Ailey, millions of people around the world know just a little bit more about what it was like to grow up in a small Texas town in the 1930's and 1940's. Thanks to Alvin, who said that he was "continuing the Black tradition," audiences everywhere stand up and cheer.

NJPAC

NJPAC and the Arts Education Department

History is unfolding as the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJPAC) takes shape. Construction on NJPAC's 12-acre site in the heart of downtown Newark is currently underway. The center will include a 2,750-seat multipurpose hall, a 500-seat playhouse, two restaurants, banquet facilities, a gift shop, and Theater Square (an outdoor performance plaza). NJPAC is slated for completion in the 1997 season. Even before the Arts Center opens, the NJPAC Arts Education Department is providing the State's children with creative programs that nurture exploration and discovery in the production and performance of the arts.

NJPAC Dance Academy

The Dance Academy, in its second year, provides public and private schools in New Jersey an opportunity to offer dance to third grade students as a fundamental in-school activity. This 10-week in-school program, implemented in cooperation with Alvin Ailey American Dance Center, involves almost 1,200 students from 18 schools in eight municipalities. Each child receives two one-hour classes per week in modern, ballet, tap or West African dance from professional dancers from New Jersey's premier companies and Alvin Ailey American Dance Center. Workshops are held for teachers, parents and the local dance community as part of this residency. Children also attend three professional dance concerts including this matinee performance by the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater.

NJPAC Dance Academy Schools

East Orange: Franklin School

Irvington: Chancellor Avenue School

Montgomery: Burnt Hill Road School

Newark: Lafayette Street School, Miller Street School

Peshine Avenue School, Rafael Hernandez School

Roberto Clemente School, St. Philip's Academy

Orange: Central Elementary School, Cleveland Street School

Paterson: Martin Luther King, Jr. School, School No. 15, School No. 26

Plainfield: C.H. Stillman School, Washington School

Verona: Forest Avenue School, Brookdale Avenue School

NJPAC Dance Academy Teaching Artists New Jersey Dance Artists and Companies:

Lisa Attles	Dancer/Dance Educator
Karen Callaway	New Jersey Tap Ensemble
Paula Yaa McCoy Franklin	Pyramyd Dance Company
Alfred Gallman	Gallman's Dance Theatre
Imani Khan	Dancer/Dance Educator
Karen Love	Umoja Dance Company
Paul McRae	New Jersey Ballet
Deborah Mitchell	New Jersey Tap Ensemble
Cindy Nicholson	Dancer/Dance Educator
Loreen Sadler	Dancer/Dance Educator

Alvin Ailey American Dance Center Artists:

Tina Bush	Alvin Ailey American Dance Center
Doris DeMendez	Alvin Ailey American Dance Center
Yung-Yung Tsuai	Alvin Ailey American Dance Center
Earl Mosley	Alvin Ailey American Dance Center

NJPAC Dance Academy Musical Accompanists

Joe Barnes	percussionist
Ed Eddings	percussionist
Bob Himmelburger	pianist
Yoron Israel	percussionist
Steve Kramer	pianist
Olga Protyniak	pianist
Tim Robinson	percussionist
Oswald Simmonds	percussionist

NJPAC Dance Academy Evaluators

Sharon Stephens	Evaluation Coordinator
Jane Remer	Evaluation Consultant
Jeri Beaumont	On-site Evaluator
Luis Martinez	On-site Evaluator
Patricia Mayer	On-site Evaluator
Sharron Miller	On-site Evaluator
Mary Pat Robertson	On-site Evaluator



New Jersey Performing Arts Center

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